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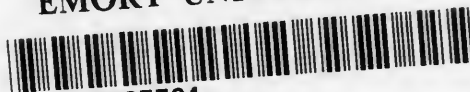
BOWDON, CARROLL COUNTY, GA.

NOVEMBER 28TH, 29TH, 31st, 1890.

President.....Rev. F. H. M. HENDERSON..... Waco, Ga.

Secretary.....J. McD. RADFORD....., Ga.

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ROLL OF MINISTERS.

REV. F. M. HENDERSON, PRESIDENT	Waco, Ga.
S. C. MASTERS.....	Anvil Block, Ga.
J. O. A. RADFORD.....	Jersey, Ga.
GEO HARLAN.....	Tunnel Hill, Ga.
JOHN THURMAN.....	Bowdon, Ga.
G. W. MORRIS.....	446 Whitehall street, Atlanta, Ga.
R. S. MCGARITY.....	Jefferson, Ga.
J. M. LANKFORD.....	Bloodworth, Ga.
J. A. MCGARITY.....	Jerfey, Ga.
T. J. BIGGERS.....	Draketown, Ga.
W. J. CAUSEY.....	Victory, Ga.
W. B. COSTLEY.....	Stockbridge, Ga.
A. MAULDEN	Bowdon, Ga.
T. J. JOHNSON.....	270 Whitehall street, Atlanta, Ga.
S. M GARRETT.....	Draketown, Ga.
J. M. MCALMAN.....	Carrollton, Ga.
E. C. JORDAN.....	Cove City, Ga.
J. C. PATRICK.....	Hampton, Ga.
W. E. SMITH.. ..	Rome, Ga.
C. B MCDANIEL.....	Springvale, Ga.
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MINUTES.

The sixty-first session of the Georgia Annual Conference convened at Bowdon, Carroll County, Georgia, at 10 o'clock, November 28, 1890.

Conference was opened with Scripture lesson and prayer by the President, Rev. Jas. O. A. Radford.

The chair then appointed the committees on Lay Credentials and Pulpit Service. [See committees, page 7]

Roll of ministers was called by the Secretary. Absent: E. J. Beadles, S. C. Masters, G. R. Brown, Jr., N. W. Wortham and W. E. Smith.

The committee on Lay Credentials reported the following present and entitled to seats in the Conference :

Bowdon Circuit—G. R. Adamson, Elisha Gentry.

Cedar Grove Station—W. A. Simpson, C. B. Moore.

Henry and DeKalb Circuit—G. B. Branan, E. B. Mayes.

Jackson Circuit—J. F. Burson.

Laurel Branch—J. M. Fontaine.

Owl Rock Station—J. J. Campbell.

Pendergrass Station—B. H. Collier.

Randolph Circuit—J. W. Phillips.

Talapoosa Circuit—M. C. White.

Waco Circuit—R. H. Parker.

Walton Circuit—W. A. Rogers, G. R. Brown, J. I. J. Beall.

On motion the following order of business was adopted :

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Enrollment of Members.
2. Election of Officers and Committees.
3. Reading of Minutes at each Opening.
4. Call of Circuits and Stations.
5. Examination of Ministerial Character.
6. Hear Appeals.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Incidental Business.

Conference proceeded to the election of the President and the Secretary for the ensuing conference year. Result : President, Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Waco, Ga.; Secretary, Jas. McD. Radford, Jersey, Ga.

Conference adjourned to reassemble at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.

Preaching at 11 o'clock, a. m., by Rev. F. T. Tagg, Corresponding Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference assembled according to adjournment. President F. H. M. Henderson in the chair.

On motion, the President appointed a committee of three to nominate the stationing and boundary committees.

Committee: Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Chairman, Rev. R. S. McGarity and G. R. Adamson.

Committee on nomination made its reports, and Secretary cast the ballot for the Boundary and Stationing Committee as nominated. [See committees, page 7]

The roll of circuits was called for special papers. None reported.

Conference proceeded to the investigation of ministerial character. On motion, the Secretary was ordered to make the following revision of the roll of ministers: Rev. G. R. Brown, transferred to Alabama conference; Rev. E. J. Beadles, dropped*; Rev. J. R. Turner, died; Rev. L. F. Ethridge, not heard from; Rev. Jno. G. Caldwell, removed to Florida conference.

The Conference adopted the following hours for its daily sessions:

Morning Session—Open 8 a. m. Close 11 a. m.

Afternoon Session—Open 1:30 p. m. Close 4 p. m.

The President appointed the committee on Orders and Itinerary. [See committees, page 8]

Conference adjourned.

SATURDAY.

Conference convened at 8 o'clock, and was opened with religious services by Rev. J. M. Lankford.

The Chair announced the committees on General Interests of the Church, on Journals, on Conference Statistics, on Conference Stewards. [See committees, page 8.]

Morning session adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order by the President. The committee on Boundaries submitted its report. [See reports of committees, page 7]

Report received and adopted.

The Secretary read a communication from T. A. C. Smith, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Bowdon College, petitioning this Conference to endorse Bowdon College for a term of five years as the institution of their patronage.

On motion, the petition was referred to the following committee: Rev. R. S. McGarity, Chairman, G. R. Adamson, Rev. W. B. Costley.

*Since united with the Walton Quarterly Conference.

Stationing committee submitted its report. [See reports of committees, page 7]

Report received and adopted.

The President read a communication from Mr. M. Slaughter, Agent Southern Railroad Commission, setting forth the reasons why said agent could not offer reduced rates to the ministers and delegates to the Georgia M. P. Conference. Also our President's reply, in which he protested against the discrimination in favor of larger conferences.

Committee on General Interests of the Church submitted its report. [See reports of committees, page 8]

Report received and adopted.

Committee on Journals submitted its report. [See reports of committees, page 8]

Report received and adopted.

On motion, the Conference went into a committee of the whole to discuss the possibility of supporting a travelling president. On motion, the President was directed to travel the district.

The committee on Orders and Itinerancy submitted its report. Report received and adopted. [See reports of committees, page 8]

The committee on Obituaries submitted its report. The same was received and adopted. [See reports of committees, page 9]

On motion, Rev. F. H. M. Henderson was appointed a committee to prepare the obituary of Rev. J. R. Turner.

On motion, the Board of Church Extension was re-elected, with the exception of G. R. Brown, Sr., who asked to be relieved. B. F. Morris was elected in his stead. [See committees, page 9]

On motion, the President and the Secretary were made the publishing committee, and the Secretary was ordered paid ten dollars for his services.

On motion, the Conference Steward was ordered to lift a collection at the close of the Sabbath morning service to defray the incidental expenses of the Conference.

Committee on Statistics submitted its report. The same was received and adopted. [See reports of committees, page 12]

Conference adjourned to convene after the evening services.

Conference was called to order at 9:25 p. m. President Rev. F. H. M. Henderson in the chair.

On motion, Conference adjourned to assemble Monday morning at 7 o'clock a. m.

MONDAY.

On motion, the report of the Stationing committee was reconsidered and amended. [See reports of committees, page 7]

On motion, the several pastors were ordered to levy an assessment upon their several charges equivalent to 20 per cent. of the pastor's salary. The same to be applied to the support of a travelling president.

The committee appointed to receive the communication of T. A. C. Smith, respecting the endorsement of Bowdon College, submitted its report. Report was received and adopted. [See reports of committees, page 9]

On motion, Rev. F. H. M. Henderson was made a committee to confer with committee from other Southern Conferences, upon the feasibility, the location, etc., of a Southern Methodist Protestant School.

On motion, the Standing District Committee was re-elected. [See committees, page 7]

Board of Church Extension submitted its report. The same was received and adopted. [See reports of committees, page 9]

On motion, the apportionments for 1890 were adopted for 1891. [See tabular form.]

On motion, the President was directed to prepare a card of thanks to Bowdon Church, and community, for their great hospitality to the Conference.

Conference adjourned.

Next session will convene at Cedar Grove Station, DeKalb County, Ga., Thursday, November 12, 1891.

Introductory sermon will be delivered by Rev. R. S. McGarity, at the next Conference.

MEMOIR OF REV. J. R. TURNER.

Another veteran of the cross has dropped out of the ranks of the Georgia ministry.

Rev. J. R. Turner was born in 1801, in Mulberry District, S. C. In 1828 he moved to Georgia and settled in Henry County. Afterwards he lived in Campbell County, having become a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. On the Palmetto Circuit he labored for several years with much zeal and success. Thence he went to Chattanooga, and kept hotel, but, finding the business uncongenial, he continued only one year. He then moved to Harrallson County, Ga., and preached as a local minister. The last years of his life he lived among his children, and died in June, 1890, at the house of his step-daughter, near Whitesburgh, Ga., in the ninetieth year of his age.

He first married Miss Annie Turner, no kin, however, and afterwards married a widow in Coweta County. He was the father of seven children, all of whom he outlived, except one daughter. She still lives to plant the rose upon his grave.

Brother Turner was a minister about sixty years of his life. He won the people by his genial nature and fervent zeal. His preaching was rather persuasive than convincing, and he merited and received the title of "The good old man."

His voice, in his later years, was as a sound from the rising chariot.

He was once a man of comfortable fortune, but, from some cause, his last years were spent in poverty. Yet he seldom suffered from the want of the

comforts of life. It was no trouble to raise money for "Uncle Jimmie," as he was familiarly called.

Thus, after living through three generations, and twenty years of borrowed time, he passed from earth, leaving a stainless life and a spotless record.

F. H. M. HENDERSON, CONF. COM.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

On Lay Credentials—Rev. W. B. Costby, Chairman, Rev. T. J. Johnson, Rev. J. C. Patrick.

On Pulpit Services—Rev. C. B. McDaniel, Chairman, W. A. Simpson, R. H. Parker.

On Boundaries—Rev. John Thurman, Chairman, Rev. J. A. McGarity, Rev. J. W. Phillips, G. B. Branan, B. H. Collier.

Stationing Committee—Rev. J. O. A. Radford, Chairman, Rev. G. W. Morris, Rev. W. B. Costley, R. H. Parker, J. J. Campbell.

On Orders and Itinerancy—Rev. George Harlan, Chairman, Rev. R. S. McGarity, Rev. J. M. Lankford, W. A. Rogers, G. R. Brown.

General Interests of the Church—Rev. A. Maulden, Chairman, J. M. Fontaine, J. F. Burson, Rev. F. T. Tagg, Rev. Benj. Stout.

Committee on Journals—Rev. T. J. Johnson, Chairman, G. R. Adamson, Elisha Gentry.

Conference Statistics—Rev. S. M. Garrett, Chairman, J. McD. Radford, G. R. Adamson.

Obituaries—M. C. White, Chairman, Rev. J. W. Phillips, Rev. T. J. Biggers.

Conference Steward—Rev. J. C. Patrick.

Board of Church Extension—Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Chairman; W. G. McDaniel, Secretary; B. F. Morris, Treasurer; Rev. R. S. McGarity, J. W. Jeter.

Standing District Committee—Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Chairman, Rev. J. M. Lankford, Rev. J. W. Black, G. R. Brown, R. H. Parker.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

BOUNDARIES.

Your Committee on Boundaries beg leave to submit the following report in the following, no change:

Bowdon Circuit, Cedar Grove Station, Owl Rock Station, Atlanta Mission, Pendergrass Station, Walton Circuit, Jackson Circuit, Gordon Circuit.

Waco made a station.

Talapoosa Circuit—Pleasant Grove and Mt. Carmel.

DeKalb Circuit—Stock Bridge, Mt. Zion, Clifton, Constitution and Hope-well.

Henry Circuit—Hampton, Brooks Station, Pleasant Grove, Mt. Zion, Rock Spring and Mt. Carmel.

Randolph Circuit—Sharon, Pleasant Hill, Trinity and Friendship.

Laurel Branch Circuit—Laurel Branch and Beaver Creek.

Union Circuit—Union Church, Harmony Church, Beech Creek and New Hope.

Rome and Chattooga Mission united.

Talapoosa Mission, from Talapoosa river to Polk County line.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. THURMAN, CHAIRMAN.

STATIONING.

Your Stationing Committee respectfully submit the following report:

Atlanta Mission—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.

Bowdon Circuit—A. Maulden, Pastor.

Cedar Grove Station—R. S. McGarity, Pastor; G. W. Morris, Associate.

DeKalb Circuit—W. B. Costley, Pastor ; S. C. Masters, Associate.
Gordon Circuit—George Harlan, Pastor.
Henry Circuit—J. C. Patrick, Pastor ; W. P. Bryant, Associate.
Jackson Circuit—To be supplied.
Laurel Branch—J. M. Langford, Pastor.
Owl Rock Station—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.
Pendergrass Station—R. S. McGarity, Pastor.
Randolph Circuit—C. B. McDaniel, Pastor ; J. W. Phillips, Associate.
Rome and Chattooga Mission—W. E. Smith, Pastor ; E. C. Jordan, Associate.
Talapoosa Circuit—To be supplied. T. J. Biggers, Associate.
Union Circuit—T. J. Johnson, Pastor.
Waco Station—F. H. M. Henderson, Pastor.
Walton Circuit—J. A. McGarity, Pastor ; J. O. A. Radford, Associate ; J. McD. Radford, Associate.
Left in the Hands of the President—W. J. Causey, S. M. Garrett, John M. Thurman, N. W. Wortham.
Not Heard From—L. F. Ethridge.
Located—E. J. Beadles.

J. O. A. RADFORD, CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee on the General Interests of the Church respectfully submit the following :

1. The circulation of our church literature is essential to an intelligent understanding of our denominational principles. A general patronage of our church papers is earnestly commended. Our Sunday School literature, including "Our Young People," should be found in all of our Sunday Schools. We also commend "The Missionary Bulletin," and the "Missionary Record," as organs of the Board of Foreign Missions.
2. The Board of Ministerial Education is now educating forty-four young men at our two Seminaries. The need of men is felt in all conferences to such an extent that this interest commends itself to the intelligent generosity of all our people. We ask that an assessment of five cents per capita be laid upon our charges for Ministerial Education.
3. Our colleges were never in so flourishing a condition as now. There are more students in attendance than ever before. These institutions offer better facilities and greater advantages than ever before, and, therefore, appeal with emphasis to the patronage of our people.
4. The Board of Home Missions is engaged in a great work of church extension in various parts of the country. We commend the plans of the secretary of the Home Board, as stated by him to the Conference, and recommend an assessment of ten cents per capita for this interest.
5. The Board of Foreign Missions, the work of which is in Japan, is also cordially commended with the plans of the secretary of that Board, and we recommend an assessment of ten cents per capita for this interest.

A. MAULDEN, CHAIRMAN.

JOURNALS.

Your committee on Journals submit the following : We have examined the Journal of last session, and find it correctly recorded in a neat and legible hand.

T. J. JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN.

ORDERS AND ITINERANCY

Submit the following : We have examined Brothers C. B. McDaniel, W. P. Bryant and J. W. Phillips, on Gifts, Graces, Doctrines and Bible and Church History. We recommend Brothers McDaniel and Phillips to this Conference for orders and itinerancy, and that Brother Bryant be continued under the standing authority of this conference.

We further recommend that a presbytery be appointed to examine, and if found worthy, to ordain Brother W. N. Cater.

GEORGE HARLAN, CHAIRMAN.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee beg leave to report that in deep sorrow we record the death of our venerable brother, J R. Turner, but submit with meekness to the dispensations of Providence. We recommend that the Conference appoint a suitable person to prepare a memoir of Brother Turner, that the same be published in the minutes of the annual conference, and in the "Methodist Protestant."

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. WHITE, CHAIRMAN.

BOWDON COLLEGE.

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of the Board of Trustees of Bowdon College and the school interest at Waco, respectfully submit the following:

We feel the necessity of establishing a college within the reach of the Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee South Carolina, and other Southern Conferences, and are gratified to see so great interest manifested in this enterprise by the brethren of Bowdon and Waco

We suggest that a committee of one be appointed to meet and confer with like committees from other conferences, and that this joint committee consider all petitions and propositions relating to our school interests.

R. S. MCGARITY, CHAIRMAN.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Protestant Church of Georgia Districts, met at Bowdon, Ga. There were present, Rev. F. H. M. Henderson, Rev. R. S. McGarity, W. G. McDaniel and G. R. Brown.

The Board respectfully submit the following:

We learn from Col. W. M. Bray that there yet remains in Atlanta property of the M. P. Church to the value of \$2,500.00 or \$3,000.00, fully covered by mortgages. Your Board recommend that the matter be intrusted to Rev. R. S. McGarity, pastor of Atlanta Mission, and that he be requested to look after our church interests there.

F. H. M. HENDERSON, CHAIRMAN.

W. G. MCDANIEL, Secretary.

CONFERENCE STEWARD.

CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Rome and Chattooga Mission.....	\$ 25
Henry and DeKalb Circuit.....	1 60
Waco Circuit.....	1 50
Bowdon Circuit.....	2 94
Walton Circuit.....	7 00
Pendergrass and Cedar Grove Stations.....	3 05
Randolph and Laurel Branch Circuits.....	4 81
Talapoosa Circuit.....	3 25
Public collection, etc.....	15 46
Total	\$39 86

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Rome and Chattooga Mission.....	\$ 70
Owl Rock Station.....	1 84
Bowdon Circuit.....	6 85
Randolph and Laurel Branch Circuit.....	8 00
Total	\$17 39

SUPERANUATE FUND.

Owl Rock Station.....	\$ 1 84
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Respectfully submitted,

J. C. PATRICK, CON. STEWARD.

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O. S. Fleming, Secretary General Conference; Grafton, W. Va.

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Rev. J. B. Walker, deceased.

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Mrs. M. A. Miller, Corresponding Secretary of Executive Board of W. F. M. S., and Editor W. F. M. Record; Box No. 1065, Pittsburg, Penn.

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Rev. Benjamin Stout, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board, Rockford, W. Va.

E. M. Durbin, Treasurer, Grafton, W. Va.

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CONFERENCE STATISTICS 1890.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS	MEMBERSHIP							CHURCHES				SABBATH SCHOOLS				COLLECTIONS					
	Ministers	Preachers	Members	Probationers	Accessions	Withdrawals	Deaths	Total	Net Increase	Net Loss	Number	Value	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Vol. in Library	Church Papers taken	Pastor's Salary	Superintendent Fund	Miscellaneous	Education
Bowdon Circuit.....	1	1	171	19	31	7	3	192	21	..	4	\$1850 00	4	9	105	30	20	253 61	13 00	6	13 00
Cedar Grove Station.....	3	3	100	..	8	1	1	102	7	..	1	600 00	1	1	..	..	..	190 00	5 15	5	5 15
DeKalb and Henry Circuit.....	3	3	797	..	169	4	3	635	162	..	11	4686 00	11	4	300	..	..	602 50	..	..	..
Gordon Circuit.....	2	2	..	..	8	2	..	109	9	..	4	600 00	4	2	..	..	..	37 00	..	..	1 80
Jackson Circuit.....	2	2	262	..	11	4	..	269	7	..	4	2000 00	4	12	125	..	..	143 00	..	..	..
Laurel Branch Circuit.....	1	1	170	10	3	5	1	167	..	..	12	700 00	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Owl Rock Station.....	1	1	119	..	..	4	2	113	6	..	1	1200 00	1	4	40	12	..	..	..	..	..
Pendergrass Station.....	1	1	64	..	..	..	..	65	1	..	1	1000 00	1	4	75	..	..	30 00	1 00	1	84
Randolph Circuit.....	..	3	159	..	19	3	3	172	13	..	3	1200 00	3	9	65	..	15	350 00	2 00	3	2 00
Rome Mission.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Talapoosa Circuit.....	3	3	114	..	4	3	1	114	..	..	3	400 00	3	4	60	10	..	..	..	..	..
Waco Circuit.....	2	2	263	19	58	13	2	306	43	..	4	2400 00	4	3	12 80
Walton Circuit.....	6	3	416	..	67	3	5	475	59	..	7	4000 00	7	19	240	220	10	295 50	13 46
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